(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pollution of Rivers in Andhra Pradesh

284. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late there has been considerable increase in the pollution of the rivers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by by Government to minimise pollution in the rivers in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Pollution due to industrial effluents has been reduced considerably while pollution due to municipal wastes continues to be nearly the same. Most of the industries have installed effluent treatment plants while municipalities are unable to provide the treatment facilities for sullage and sewage due to financial constraints.

(c) (1) Industries have been directed to put up the effluent treatment plants. Most of the industries have insalled or are in the process of installation of treatment plants.

(2) Municipalities art putting up partial or full treatment plants based on their financial resources.

(3) Legal action is taken against the defaulting units under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 133 of Criminal Procedure Code.

(4) Fiscal incentives are given for setting up effluent treatment plants.

Killing of Non-Tribals in Tripura by TNV

285. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' of the 16th October, 1987 to the effect that TNV rebels have killed 22 non-tribal people in Tripura during the second week of October;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whate steps are being taken by Government to avoid the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In three incidents from October 13—15, 1987 the TNV extremists killed 20 persons—5 near Phuldungshi market, Police Station Vangmun, North Tripura on October 13, 10 at Chandrasekharapara, Sarbang, Police Station Birganj, South Tripura and 5 at Gachingcherra, Police Station Manu, North Tripura in the night intervening October 14—15, 1987. 3 other persons injured in the incident at Chandraskekherapara, Sarbang and one in the incident at Gachingcherra also succumbed to their injuries. The total number of persons killed in these incidents is thus 24.

(c) Special operations have been mounted in the area and extensive combing operations have been undertaken. Patrolling in the affected areas has been intensified. In order to check infiltration and exfiltration of TNV gangs from their sanctuaries, certain areas lying along their routes have been declared "disturbed area" by the State Government of Tripura. TNV has also been declared as 'Unlawful association' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Information about the movements of TNV gangs is pooled and shared by various agencies and made available to the State Government. The paramilitary forces have been suitably strengthened.